

Avatar Cosplaying 101

How to plan your
cosplay

Lili J Cosplay

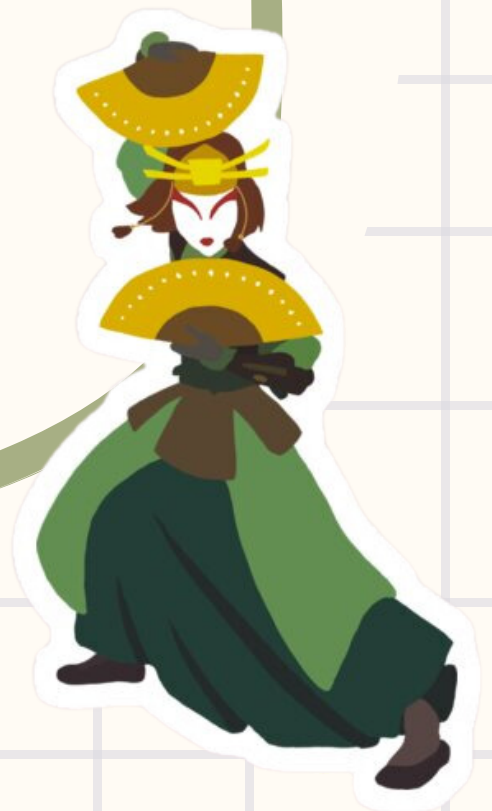


Introduction

I'm Lili J Cosplay and I've been cosplaying on and off for about 5 years. I have made Avatar Kyoshi, Water Tribe Katara, Earth Kingdom Katara, the Painted Lady and Princess Yue.

I am currently working on a Suki cosplay based on art by Hannah Alexander.

Let me know what you're making or would like to make!





Picking Your Cosplay

Things to Consider

- Your skill level
- Time needed
- Level of personal interest (must be strong to maintain motivation)
- Weather considerations
- Does it look expensive to make?
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Reliable Reference Images

Lets Explore Together

- **Look for T-poses and 360 images**
 - **Search terms: _ model, _ t-pose, _ reference photo, _ 3d model**
- **3D Models with all textures is extremely valuable**
 - **Sketch Fab**
 - **Art Station**
 - **Deviant Art**
- **Screen shots from the show**
- **Original concept art**

Should you start making now?

NOPE



Toph Model Sheet

Due date: July 15,
2024



Black wig (polyfil inside)

Fabric covered eva foam White
puff balls

Tunic (Yellow fabric, Deconstruct Qiapo, closure)

T-shirt and mid-harem pants
(Green fabric)

Black leather with metal studs

Leather and velcro

Invisible shoes (soles and straps)



Possible Fabric



Anticipated Cost: \$XXXX
Timeline: X Weeks
Extras: Contacts

Model Sheet

- **Model sheet is your go-to guide for EVERYTHING you'll need for your cosplay**
- **Here's what it must include:**
 - **Color swatches (for fabrics)**
 - **List of materials**
 - **All pieces identified**
 - **General making plan**
 - **Cost plan**
- **This helps you plan how you will actually make the thing and assemble it**



Where to Find Fabric



- Amazon
- Spoonflower
- Etsy
- Joann's
- Zinc's Fabric Outlet (far from Columbus)
- Table cloths, curtains, chair covers, bed sheets
- Fabricstore.com
- Wholesale Fabric Direct





Common Fabrics

- Kona Cotton (usually \$6 yard)
- Broadcloth (usually \$7 yard)
- Linen (varies)
- Faux leather (usually \$9 yard)
- Cotton twill (\$12-20 yard)
- Chiffon (\$7 yard)
- Jersey Knit (do not recommend)



Where to find patterns

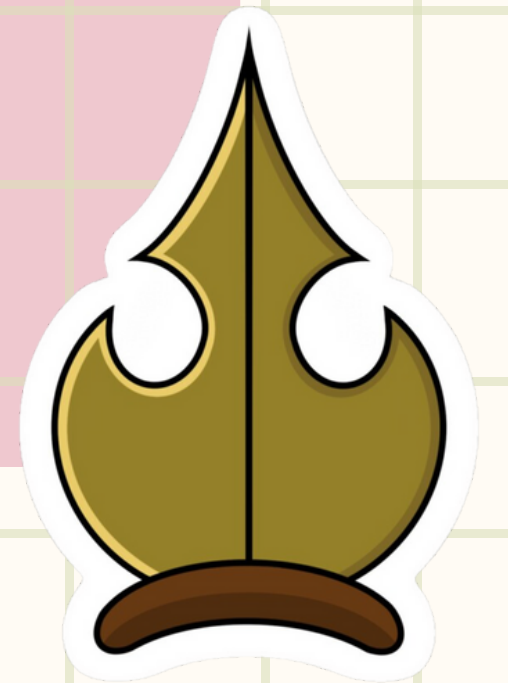


Etsy

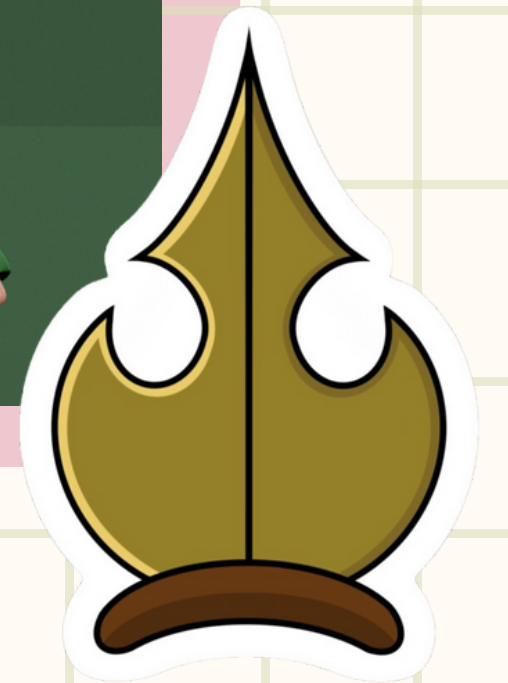
Cosplayers websites

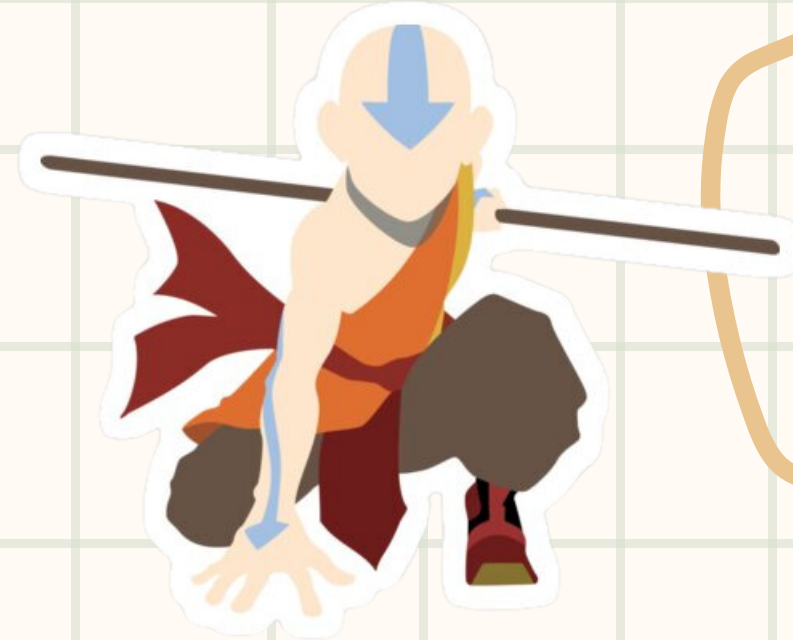
Freeball your own pattern

Adjust an existing pattern



How to Adjust an Existing Pattern





Quick Note about Patterns



If you're entering a competition

It is better to make your own pattern so that you demonstrate that you made EVERYTHING on your own



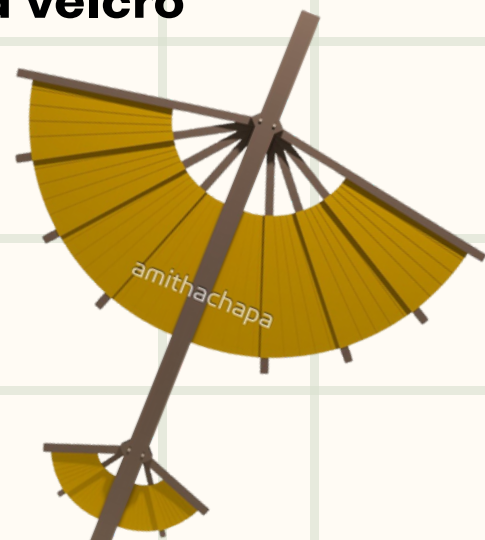
PLEASE NOTE SEAM ALLOWANCES

Check all your patterns for if the seam allowance is included. If not allow for that. If you adjust a pattern, DON'T FORGET YOUR SEAM ALLOWANCE

Don't cut corners if possible

Comfort is non-negotiable so make sure you make a costume that stays on, is comfortable and can be easily taken off for bathroom breaks.

Use zippers, snaps, buttons and velcro to help





Let's Deconstruct Some Real Costumes



Princess Yue

Time: 3 weeks

Cost: \$200

Materials: Faux suede, quilt batting, bone beads, faux fur (from shawl, kona cotton, Chinese block print fabric, blue ribbon, 3d printing, velcro, a crappy dress pattern, silk lining

Number of individual pieces: 3



Katara and Toph

Time: 2 weeks

Cost: \$150

Materials: Silk, iron on vinyl, kona cotton, closure, EVA foam, faux peony flower, qipao pattern, ribbons, tassels, jade and gold jewelry, craft wire

Number of individual pieces: 5



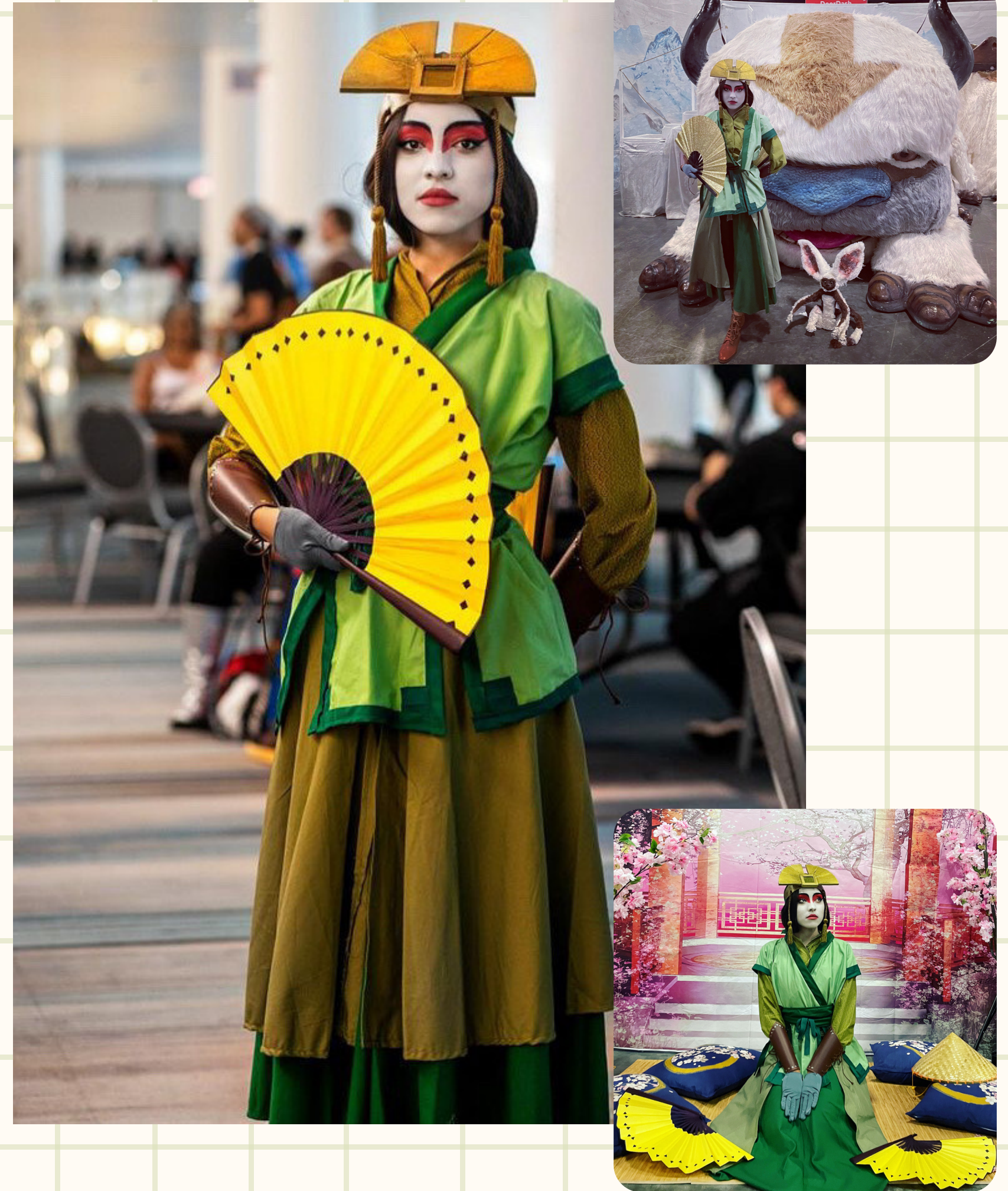
Avatar Kyoshi

Time: 2 weeks

Cost: \$150

Materials: Japanese cotton fabric, kona cotton, jinbei patterns, leather, studs, staps, spandex fabric, fans, tassels, EVA foam, boots, wig

Number of individual pieces: 9



Painted Lady

Time: 1 weeks

Cost: \$50

Materials: Straw hat, chiffon, red body paint, blue contacts, rope, large seashell, red 4 way stretch cotton, broadcloth, velcro, arm bands

Number of individual pieces: 4





Final Notes About Details



Add Flare

Feel free to experiment with fabric and details that you think would make the garment shine (embroidery, gems, unique buttons, patterned fabric, interesting makeup)

Do your research

**What you're cosplaying is based on actual cultures so do your research on what you're wearing on how you can present the elements adequately
Feel free to add some pieces from your own culture to make it your own**

Originalism v. Expressivism

How you make your cosplay is your own choice. Don't feel pressure to stick closely to the canon character because of social media. Add your own elements like textured hair and different fittings.



Questions?





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Coming!**

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